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SUBJ: HUANG HUA, LI HSIEN-NIEN DISCUSS SINO-US RELATIONS WITH
SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER

1. SWEDISH CHARGE TOLD USLO OFFICER APRIL 7 THAT STATE OF SINO-US RELATIONS WAS ONLY MENTIONED IN PASSING DURING FOREIGN MINISTER SODER'S DISCUSSIONS WITH HUANG HUA AND VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN. READING FROM REPORTING MESSAGES ON TALKS CHARGE SAID THAT HUANG HAD IN STANDARD FASHION SAID THAT NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES WAS A POLITICAL AND NOT A DIPLOMATIC PROBLEM. THE AMERICANS, HUANG SAID, SHOULD VIEW THE QUESTION FROM A STRATEGIC PERSPECTIVE AND KEEP IN MIND ITS FAR REACHING IMPLICATIONS.
2. CHARGE SAID THAT THE EMBASSY HAD NOT INCLUDED IN ITS REPORTING A FURTHER COMMENT BY HUANG. WITHOUT ANY ELABORATION HE HAD CRITICIZED PROPOSALS MADE BY SECRETARY VANCE AS REPRESENTING ONLY AN UNACCEPTABLE SHIFT OF EMBASSIES AND LIAISON OFFICES BETWEEN PEKING AND TAIPEI.
3. LI HSIEN-NIEN HAD DESCRIBED PRC RELATIONS WITH
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THE US AS "ALL RIGHT" BUT NOTED THAT THE US IS THE SUPERPOWER ON THE DECLINE. HE ADDED THAT CHINA NEEDS ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES.
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